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1 April 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: The North Laos [] Support Problem -- []

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1. There has been a good deal of confusion in recent days with respect to the US Government's -- i. e., Vientiane Station's -- requirements for [] support in north Laos and the steps taken, in train or theoretically authorized to meet these requirements. This confusion has been compounded within the past 48 hours by MACV's withdrawal of four aircraft temporarily loaned to augment north Laos resources.

[] This memorandum attempts to sort out the various factors involved, present a comprehensive status report on the current situation and offer certain action recommendations for your consideration.

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mission, i.e., prosecution of the war in Vietnam. In our view, the level of resources allocated to north Laos requirements has always been, and remains today, unacceptably low. As one small example of the prevailing disproportionate imbalance, during the week ending 21 February, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and this proportional allocation is typical.

7. During the past ten months, the following steps have been taken [REDACTED]

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 25X1 ments for [] are clear. It is equally clear that MACV
 25X1 apparently will not, [] meet them without a
 direct order from a very high level. I have struck out, General
 Cushman has struck out, and [] was probably out before he ever
 reached the plate. What now seems necessary is your intervention
 qua DCI and USIB Chairman with Wheeler, Laird, or the President
 (via Kissinger). We can discuss the optimum mechanics of such
 intervention at our 1 April meeting. You may want to hit all three in
 sequence to eliminate any complaints about going over someone's head
 on a problem he "would have solved." The problem is not likely to
 be solved, however, unless or until someone with sufficient clout to
 make them stick gives direct, discussion-foreclosing orders.

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